



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Stefan HACK et al.) Group Art Unit: 3623
Application No.: 09/609,714) Examiner: Heck, Michael C.
Filed: June 30, 2000)
For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION) Confirmation No.: 2503
SYSTEM AND METHOD)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, the period for response which has been extended through September 19, 2005 (September 17th being a Saturday) by the attached Petition for Extension of Time of one month, Applicants file concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.